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TO: Each Supervisor

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Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

On August 24, 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Burke, instructing the Director of Health Services and the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures to work with County Counsel, to draft an ordinance for the September 14, 2004 Board agenda with changes to the County code to facilitate the removal of mosquito breeding grounds. The Board also requested that the departments and County Counsel coordinate with the City of Los Angeles, so that the procedures adopted be as consistent as possible across jurisdictions.

County Counsel has filed an ordinance for introduction at the September 14, 2004 meeting, which will allow the Director of Health Services to assist any of the vector control districts if a notice to abate a nuisance is not complied with. The Department of Health Services may seek the assistance of other County departments and non-County entities in this effort. The ordinance will further prohibit the breeding or harboring of mosquitoes.

County Counsel, in consultation with this Department and the Agricultural Commissioner, reviewed the draft ordinance prepared by the Los Angeles City Attorney, to identify any provisions in the proposed city ordinance which are not in the County code. County Counsel also reviewed our code to determine any opportunities to strengthen it.

We recommend that the Board approve the proposed ordinance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
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